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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following Reference Items 1-164 **(Exhibits 1-154)** which are listed again on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 **(Exhibit A)**. Applicants request that the Examiner review the references and make them of record in the subject application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with the subject application. Accordingly, no fee is required and this Information Disclosure Statement shall be considered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

For the convenience of the Examiner, applicants point out that Reference Items 8, 26, 28, 146-148, 156, 160-161, and 163 were cited in the May 24, 2001 International Search Report in the corresponding PCT International Application, and a copy of the Report is enclosed as **Exhibit B**.

Applicants also point out that several of the listed references are counterparts of each other and are cumulative. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c), a counterpart of a reference is identified after the cite to the reference, but a copy of only one of the counterparts is being provided. Applicants will provide the Examiner with copies of any reference upon request.

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